

January 25, 2016

During work session Mayor Patterson requested an Executive Session in regards to personnel and contractual issues

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Forrestel to go into executive session regarding personnel and contractual issues at 7:15 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
 E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
 MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
 KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Hatswell, to come out of executive session regarding personnel and contractual issues at 7.30 pm be and hereby is approved

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
 E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
 MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
 KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:36 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson, Trustees E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, and Keith A. Hatswell; Attorney Andrew Borden, Treasurer Tammy Kelley, Clerk Daniel P. Borchert and Chief of Police Richard Lauricella

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel seconded by Middaugh that the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2016 be and hereby is approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
 E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
 MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
 KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh seconded by Forrestel that the audit of the bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$ 29,093.68
Electric Fund	\$ 114,576.03
Water Fund	\$ 56,241.51
Sewer Fund	\$ 15,886.67
Capital Water Fund	\$ 56,837.00
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,942.03

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
 E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
 MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
 KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Forrestel that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the applications and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Edward Kramer	63 Wesley Drive	Carport Wall/Windows	\$100.00
Edward Kramer	63 Wesley Drive	Shed	\$50.00

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Forrestel that the following Renewal of Applications for Dumpster Permits for the year 2016 be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual permit fee:

Ford Gum	18 Newton Ave	Renewal	\$100.00
Countryside Aptmts	Knapp Road	Renewal	\$100.00

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Middaugh that the following Applications for a Plumbers License for the year 2016 be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$75.00:

Michael O'Neil	6700 Lincoln Ave/Lockport	Renewal	\$75.00
Jeffrey Covell	1622 Ham Rd/Basom	Renewal	\$75.00
Joel Tucciarone	202 Roosevelt Ave/Tonawanda	Renewal	\$75.00
Mark Taylor	8734 Stahley Rd/E Amherst	Renewal	\$75.00
Roy C. Perry	4125 Main Rd/Akron	Renewal	\$75.00

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – Village Attorney circulated a draft local law amendment to the Board regarding maximum height and set-backs for accessory buildings in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 zones on the recommendation of the Village Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Code Enforcement Officer. Clerk Borchert will schedule a Public Hearing regarding the amendment on February 22, 2016.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Hatswell to hold a Public Hearing regarding the amendment of local law in regards to maximum height and set-backs for accessory buildings in the R-1, R-2, and R-3 zones on the recommendation of the Village Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Code Enforcement Officer on February 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
KEITH A. HATSWELL - AYE

APPEARANCE – none

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident Robert Schieb came before the Board to thank Trustee Perry for setting up the informational meeting with Erie County Department of Public Works Director of Engineering Charles Sickler, the bridge Engineer, Darlene Svilokos and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings to discuss the Brooklyn Street bridge project. Mr. Schieb stated that approximately 9 Brooklyn residents attended as well as Trustee Forrestel. The meeting brought to light several issues, one regarding elevations, which can be remedied before the project moves forward in the spring. Mayor Patterson stated that Mr. Sickler will follow up with the Board regarding the issues. Mr. Scheib also was grateful that the tree at 55 Brooklyn Street was taken down.

Village Property Owner Kevin Borth came before the Board to suggest a different process regarding the Public Comment section of the Village Board meetings. Due to the type of comments and opinions made by parties speaking at the Public Comment time, he suggested having parties interested in speaking at the Public Comment time fill out a request sheet prior to the meeting stating their concerns along with back up paperwork if necessary. Mayor Patterson replied that because the Village is small, the Board would like to continue the ease of which parties can comment at Village Board meetings, but going forward will monitor the comments more closely.

Resident Doug Ceisner stated work began at 5 Exchange Street, which is owned by the Code Enforcement Officer’s brother, before a building permit was entered into the Village Board Minutes and he questioned the work done at 84 East Avenue also owned by the Code Enforcement Officer’s brothers which is why is has urged the Board to have a neighboring Code Enforcement Officer inspect building permits issued to family of the Village Code Enforcer. Lastly he would like a copy of the paperwork in regards to the shared driveway associated with his property on East Avenue.

PROJECT REPORTS –

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

CLARK PATTERSON LEE - none

TREASURER – requested the Board to approve the following budget adjustments:

General Fund

Raise Revenue	
A3001 – State Revenue Sharing	\$1,670.00
Raise Expenditure	
A5110.0412 – OSEA Training	\$ 835.00
A5142.0412 - OSEA Training	\$ 835.00
Receipt of Training Grant	
Transfers	
A5110.0400 Contractual Expenses to A5110.0200 Equipment	\$10,000.00
A5110.0478 Stone & Asphalt to A5110.0200 Equipment	\$9,840.00
For Roller purchase	
A5110.0400 Streets Expenses to A5110.0425 Professional Fees	\$125.00
A5110.0400 Streets Expenses to A5110.0428 Signs	\$250.00
A3120.0100 Police Wages to A3120.0140 Police SRO Wages	\$19,000.00

Water Fund

Raise Revenue	
F3089 Government Aid	\$1,670.00
Raise Expense	
F8330.0412 OSEA Training	\$1,670.00
Receipt of Training Grant	
Transfer	
F8340.0400 Transmission Expense to F8340.0439 Water Bill	\$ 500.00
F8330.0400 Water Plant Expenses to F8330.0498 Water Plant Paint	\$ 800.00

Request to transfer \$1,076.74 from Spillway Fund to Water fund paint for filter project.
Sewer Fund

Raise Revenue	
G3089 – Government Aid	\$1,670.00
Raise Expense	
G8130.0412 OSEA Training	\$1,670.00
Receipt of Training Grant	

Raise Revenue	
G2770 – Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,000.00
Raise Expense	
G8130.0200 Equipment	\$10,000.00

Transfers:

G8130.0400 Wastewater Treatment Plant Expenses to G8130.0431 Maint. Agreements \$200.00

G8130.0400 Wastewater Treatment Plant Expenses to G8130.0463 Vac Maint. \$300.00

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Hatswell to approve the above budget adjustments as submitted and requested by Treasurer Kelley be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

Treasurer Kelley also wanted to note that the January, February and March 2016 electric bills will reflect a lower PPA rate due to the recent settlement approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Perry – Absent

Trustee Middaugh – reported: met with Code Enforcement Officer Borth regarding updating to the Village Codes, met with the Police Committee regarding conducting interviews with potential candidates for part-time positions, lastly mentioned that the Electrical Department is out trimming trees and would recommend residents use caution when in those areas of work.

Mayor Patterson – reported: wanted to thank Trustee Perry for the push to set up the Brooklyn Street Bridge Project informational meeting and to thank Trustee Forrestel for attending. Discussion was held during the earlier work session in regards to the Joint Facility Clerks position. HR Committee needs to further discuss the scope of the job and prioritize it to move forward; lastly received invoices of the Wright Center in regards to use of the restrooms and would like further dialog regarding the issue.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: approved above budget transfers resulting from the most recent Finance Committee meeting which he mentioned is going very well and both he and Trustee Hatswell are looking forward to the budget process.

Trustee Hatswell – reported: Conducted three interviews for the part-time Police Officer position and should have a recommendation for the next Board meeting. Officer Heiderman has been cleared to report back to duty as of February 1, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue Village Land –none

Public Works Facility at 43 East Avenue – none

Cable Contract – none

Employee Contract – discussion held in early work session and executive session

Criteria for waived building permits – Code Enforcement Officer Borth and Village Attorney Borden need to meet to discuss perimeters.

Verizon Joint Pole Agreement – reviewed contract

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Hatswell to allow Department of Public Works Employees John Asmus, Shaun Gloss, Fred Bedford, Robert Lucia, Robbie Lucia and John Hartz to attend the Western New York Water Works Conference on Wednesday February 10, 2016 in Batavia at a cost of \$25.00 per person be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Hatswell to allow Robert Lucia and Robbie Lucia to attend the Greater Buffalo Environmental Conference on Tuesday March 15, 2016 in Buffalo at a cost of \$90.00 per person be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Forrestel to approve the Akron Fire Company's purchase request and financial means to buy a 2016 4Guys Pumper/Rescue Truck be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Hatswell to approve the step increase for Robert C. Lucia from Grade 10 Step 4 to Grade 10 Step 5 as per his anniversary date on the recommendation of Public Works Manager Jon Cummings be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Middaugh to allow Bailey Clouse a student at Niagara Community College to do a ride-along with the Akron Police for a 10 week program at 8 hours per week on the recommendation of Chief of Police Richard Lauricella be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE

Joint Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of meeting held November 17, 2015

Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of meeting held December 15, 2015

Time Warner Cable notification of soon to be expiring agreements with programmers and broadcasters and expected service changes.

Town of Amherst Central Fire Alarm December 2015 Operations Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Carolyn Schad asked about the large amount of concrete/asphalt debris that is piled on the property at 43 East Avenue. Trustee Middaugh stated it will be used for fill for future projects this year

Resident Robert Scheib mentioned that the barricades with flashing lights for the Brooklyn Bridge project are down and for safety reasons should be addressed. He did also mention this issue during the Informational meeting regarding the Brooklyn Street Bridge project held with the County.

Resident Doug Ceisner asked when the Village budget meetings will start and when is the budget due. Clerk Borchert stated the meetings will be scheduled for late February early March and is due by May 1, 2016. He would also like a copy of the driveway easement referred to earlier in the meeting. Lastly he hated to see Deputy Clerk Tammy Anderson go for he felt she did a good job.

Mayor Patterson asked Marilyn Kasperek if the Town of Newstead is involved with the Wright Center restroom invoices. She said not at this time.

Village Property Owner Kevin Borth asked the Board what their intentions are for the property at 43 East Avenue. Attorney Borden stated the Village is pursuing developers familiar with a possible "brown field" site to develop to the benefit of the Village such as residential.

The Board took a brief recess and traveled to the Newstead Town Hall to reconvene for the joint meeting with the Newstead Town Board.

Supervisor Cummings welcomed the Village Board of Trustees at 8:50 p.m.

IT – Supervisor Cummings noted that they are currently using the same IT consultant that the Village is using. The Town has just updated their server at the Town Hall and will be increasing their band width as well. When the band width is completed they will sit down in a committee with the village to discuss future IT opportunities for all the facilities.

Joint Master Plan – The Town will be getting the quote from Wendell to the Village so they can review it and decide if they would like to move forward or look at other vendors for additional quotes.

Asset Management – Village Clerk Borchert noted that he has been administering the new program and is about to go live. Once we are going live he will sit down with Mike & Debbie and show them the capabilities of the system and will get them up and running on it to see if it would be a benefit for them in their day to day operations.

Recycling – Recycling Carts – There has been an increased demand for residents asking for a bigger recycling cart or getting an additional cart. Residents have been recycling more and the 65 gallon containers are getting filled before the two week pick up comes around. Supervisor Cummings will contact Modern to inquire if they could go to weekly recycling versus the current bi-weekly schedule. He will also inquire about the cost of additional bins. The next larger size is a 95 gallon container.

Sewer/Wastewater – Clark Patterson Lee is continuing to work on the engineering study for the Village with the grant funding that has been received from the state. Wendell will be meeting with Niagara Label regarding the sewer district.

Grants – There has not been a lot of success in securing money for grants. Supervisor Cummings noted that there are not a lot of grant dollars available this year.

The Town’s grant application for the town park was rejected this year. There has been success with a few joint opportunities.

Celebration Committee/Chamber of Commerce – There has not been any communication from the Celebration Committee or the Chamber of Commerce since our last meeting. They are having a hard time finding volunteers/workers to keep these organizations joining. Supervisor Cummings noted that these committees run in cycles and hopes that it will pick back up again soon.

Construction Projects – Superintendent Cummings was not present at the meeting tonight. The Village will be working on Hoag Avenue during the 2016 construction season with a waterline, sidewalks, storm sewers, curbing and street rehabilitation. The Town will be doing a waterline on Cedar Street from Brucker Road to the last house on the east side of the road before entering the swamp land. The Town is working on creating a new bike path on the old “Peanut Line” from Buell Street to the current path by Leisurewood but there have been a few obstacles that they are trying to overcome. Trustee Forrestel commented on the meeting Erie County hosted at the Village Hall for the residents of Brooklyn Street regarding the Brooklyn Street Bridge.

Drug Awareness – Councilman Jendrowski and Councilman Dugan are working with the Akron Newstead Coalition. There needs to be more focus on education and should be started at a younger age. Trustee Hatswell is the Village representative with the coalition and believes that the committee meetings would be better if they were more focused and organized.

Town Dog Kennel – The new signage is up at the wastewater treatment plant. They are looking at possible grant funding that might be available to construct a new dog kennel at the Joint Municipal Facility. The proposed new size of the proposed kennel would equal to a four car garage. The committee is also looking at how other municipalities handle their dog facilities.

Joint Facility – The emerald ash borer is present in the Town. There are a number of ash trees that are located on Village and Town property. There needs to be a decision made if there are any trees that we would like to treat. We would hire a contractor to treat the trees that we would like to save. The Town of Clarence has the equipment to treat ash trees for the emerald ash borer. The joint committee will be discussing what direction to take regarding having a manager for the Joint Municipal Facility. The security camera systems need to be updated as well. The current cameras are analog and need to be upgraded to digital and there is a need to add additional cameras as there are blind spots that do get covered in the current system. Amherst Alarm and Doyle Security could help us with upgrading our system. The Village plans to replace the position of public works clerk on a part time basis.

Mayor Patterson commented on the recent staffing appointments that the Town has made regarding the historian and disaster coordinators. These individuals also hold the same positions in the Village and he would like the supervisor to communicate these types of changes with the Village or for the Village to have one person in on the discussions about these positions.

The next joint meeting will be held on Monday May 16, 2016 at the Village Hall around 8:30 p.m.

On motion of Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh at 9:40 p.m. this meeting was ADJOURNED

MAYOR

CLERK